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## Families #2

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This will be a continuation on the teaching of families and what that all involves, with the husband and wife and their responsibilities to each other and to the marriage that God has planned in advance for them. Beginning in the first week of March, the teaching will be regarding the children and the parents responsibility in that area of their marriage. The bible has specific things that need to be taught regarding the rearing of children, God has a specific plan for the parents part of the relationship that they will have with their children.

Psa 107:15-20 "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder. 17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. 19 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions" KJV

God is good and He is not mad or angry at any of us. He is talking about someone that goes astray, getting out from under the covering of the Lord. He has sent His word, the word being Jesus Christ who has been revealed in that word, even though we have not done everything right, He is going to heal us and delivereth us from the destructions when we cry out to Him. Thank God for His grace.

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We have learned from Genesis what God's plan was for the family, how when He created Adam and Eve, that He blessed them, gave them authority and dominion over every living thing, and we learned that there was no sin originally, that God saw

that Adam needed a help meet and formed Eve from Adams side. They were allowed to have dominion over the garden and were able to fellowship with God, but after Eve was tempted by the serpent, the devil, she was deceived, Adam was not deceived, he knew exactly what he was doing and was in disobedience to what God had told them about the tree of Good and Evil. Eve offered to Adam the same fruit that she had eaten and they immediatly realized they were naked, their eyes had been opened. The serpent lied to Eve and convinced her that it was good to eat and that God had lied to her. They made clothes for themselves out of leaves and later God killed animals and made clothes for them. They had to leave the garden and began to toil the ground for the rest of their lives.

Even being in a perfect state of marriage with no sin, there were problems with their marriage, they had authority but they had yielded to sin causing their eyes to be open. They realized that the glory of God had departed from them. Later as the family grew, there was murder, lying and deceiving, caused by the entrance of sin in their lives.

The enemy is continually assaulting the families of today. This teaching will enable us to know what our authority is and how to overcome his assaults on our family. There are many teachings on the families, each of them being a light to us of how important the relationships in a family is. Many believers have never heard any teaching on the family in the past and consequently when they get married they are not sure how to react to different situations. The bible is a manuel that explains what God meant for the marriage to be like, there is usually much conversation regarding what should be done. Gods plan was that the husband and wife should be one flesh, but in the soulish part of them, there can be differences of opinion which can lead to problems unless they are willing to consult God and be obedient to what His word tells them.

The marriage must be built on a spiritual foundation and then the social part comes in, a building block called interpersonal is when we find out what the other is like, their likes and dislikes, what emotions are gone through, and then the physical part of the relationship. How do we build with those blocks as we start out in a marriage? usually the first is emotional, then the physical part and we try to build a relationship with just emotions and physical, but this isn't healthy, God has been left out of the marriage. The statistics regarding divorce in the marriages of believers as well as

non-believers are quite high, just because a person is born again does not mean there are no problems in their marriages. Many people today build a marriage on emotions only, but the first should be spiritual.

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The scriptures here inform that the home should be built upon wisdom, understanding and knowledge. Knowledge acted upon or being a doer of the word of God brings peace and satisfaction into our homes. Knowledge sometimes can be used wrongly on another person as a law, this is incorrect, the bible does not teach this. Getting into wrong relationships are not the way a believer should be going, most times we think that we will change someone after the marriage has taken place but this is incorrect, change has to be done before the marriage not after.

In relationship to the home, wisdom is the proper application of knowledge, but in relationship to get understanding we must first understand God's plan for marriage. Why did God institute the union of marriage? what is His plan? what is the order in marriage? He always has order. He gave Adam and Eve bounds to stay in their marriage without the effects of sin, their emotions spoke so loudly that they went outside the boundaries and became disobedient which opened the door for sin to come into their relationship and the glory of the Lord departed from them. That glory has come back through Jesus Christ.

Rom 15:7 "Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God." KJV

There is a marriage relationship between born again believers as husband and wife, there is also a relationship between them as brother or sister in the body of Christ and we also have a friendship relationship. In all of these relationships that we have, it doesn't mean that we change any of them but we accept them as they are, embracing, equipping and empowering them, they will make changes if needed, it is not our place to point them out, let the Holy Spirit do His work. We are to receive like Christ has received us, it allows us to have the glory of God in our homes.

Gal 4:19 "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you," KJV

Paul prayed for his people as Christ was being formed in them. Gods plan was that we begin to emulate His nature and likeness. The marriage is probably one of the most challenging places to emulate Christ nature in us.

Rom 14:19 "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." KJV

We all want to experience peace in our homes, follow after those things and be able to build up or edify one another. Little things that irritate are not the kinds of things that bring peace to our homes, even though they are not done to cause a problem and are usually only meant to have some humor in them but because of what the other person may be experiencing in their life at the time, we have to be careful to not offend. Pursue those things that will bring peace.

It is agreed that the husband has specific needs in his life that he hopes that his wife is able and willing to supply, his most important is probably that he wants to be respected, honored and loved by her. There are basic instructions in chapter 5 of Ephesians which are for the husband. When ask what our description of the perfect mate might be, there would be many different answers. A thoughtful man will win her over, regardless of things that may not be attractive to her. Most are in agreement that the husband should be kind and compassionate, a good father and provides well for his family.

It has been said about marriage by one of our past presidents, Ronald Reagan that he was able to sense his wife's presence when she came into a room, she always felt that it was better to leave things unsaid and to be quick to say you are sorry.

